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MODERNISATION OF POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise postal services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to enlist the support of the villages (Panchayats) to extend Postal Network?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts propose to carry on the modernisation process it started during the 8th Five Year Plan further.

(b) i) The front office computerisation by providing Multi-Purpose Counter Machines (MPCMs) would be continued. Six thousand (6000) such machines have been provided to different post offices in the country. Another one thousand (1000) machines will be supplied before the end of the current financial year.

ii) Sixty-two (62) new VSATs (Very Small Aperture Terminals) stations have been added to the network during the year for transmission of money orders. Another eighty eight (88) VSAT stations will be inducted before the end of the current financial year, raising the network strength to two hundr4ed twenty seven (227).

iii) It is also proposed to install Automatic Integrated mail Processing Centres at Kolkata and Delhi which will ensure expeditious processing & delivery of mail in these metro cities.

(c) A total of two thousand (2000) Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras were opened during 2000-2001. A target of opening another 2000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been fixed during the current financial year. These Kendras are being opened on the recommendations of the Panchayats.